

ECOLOGY AND TREE PROTECTION CHECKLIST

CHECKLIST — SIGN BEFORE THE SITE OPENS

Survey findings, nesting season, the stop rule, the root protection areas fenced — signed before the site opens

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Signed before the site opens, because the damage happens on day one: the excavator parks on the roots, the hedge is cleared in May with the nests in it, the compound goes on the badger sett. The ecological survey and the arboricultural report say what is there and what protects it; the planning conditions make those reports enforceable and usually require the protection to be in place, and sometimes inspected, before any work starts. The wildlife law is the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (birds and active nests, Schedule 5 animals, Schedule 9 invasive plants), the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (bats, great crested newts, otters — licence needed) and the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 (setts). The ecologist's report states which apply here. Root protection areas and fencing follow BS 5837:2012 through the arboricultural report. CDM 2015 reg 13 puts the site set-up under the principal contractor's control, and this checklist is that set-up for ecology and trees. Damage to a tree or a species is reported on KD-ENV-IR-007.

1 SITE AND THE REPORTS RELIED ON

PROJECT / SITE REF	SITE	DATE	CHECKED BY	
SURVEY / REPORT	BY (CONSULTANT)	DATE	REF	KEY FINDINGS AND THE CONSTRAINTS THEY IMPOSE
PLANNING CONDITIONS ON ECOLOGY AND TREES	TPO OR CONSERVATION AREA?	ECOLOGIST (RETAINED)		
ARBORICULTURIST	TREE PROTECTION PLAN REF	PRE-COMMENCEMENT INSPECTION REQUIRED?		

2 PROTECTED SPECIES — WHAT THE SURVEYS FOUND OR COULD NOT RULE OUT

Bats — roost potential in buildings or trees to be worked on	Reptiles — rough grass, banks, rubble
Nesting birds — hedges, trees, scrub, buildings	Otters or water voles — watercourse on or beside the site
Badgers — sett or paths on or near the site	Invasive plants — Japanese knotweed, giant hogweed, Himalayan balsam
Great crested newts — ponds within range	None identified — survey ref above confirms

3 BEFORE THE SITE OPENS — TICK WHEN DONE, WRITE THE EVIDENCE

- ☐ Vegetation clearance timed outside the main nesting season (broadly March to August; the ecologist advises for this site) and in every case preceded by a nesting check — an active nest is protected whenever it is found; the written all-clear held
- ☐ Any building or tree with bat roost potential not touched until the ecologist's method statement and any licence are in hand
- ☐ Badger setts, ponds and reptile habitat fenced off with the stand-off the ecologist set; no lighting, storage or vehicles within it
- ☐ The stop rule briefed at induction: find or suspect a protected species — bat, nest, sett, newt, reptile, otter, water vole — stop work in that area, keep everyone out, tell the site manager, call the ecologist; do not move or cover it
- ☐ Invasive plants marked out; no soil or cuttings leave the area except by the specialist route; plant and boots cleaned before leaving it
- ☐ Root protection area fencing installed to the arboricultural report — position, type and height as specified — before any plant arrives; signed "construction exclusion zone — keep out"
- ☐ Ground protection laid where the tree protection plan allows access over roots; no level change, excavation, storage, fires, fuel, washout or vehicle parking inside any fenced area
- ☐ Services and drainage routes checked against the tree protection plan; any route through a root protection area redesigned or hand-dug to the arboriculturist's method
- ☐ The pre-commencement inspection required by the condition carried out and its record held (below)

Evidence held with this checklist: the ecologist's written all-clear, dated photographs of the fencing in place, the consultant's inspection record, and the letter or email discharging the condition where one was needed.

4 RETAINED TREES AND HEDGES — ONE LINE PER TREE OR GROUP, FROM THE TREE PROTECTION PLAN

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5 KEPT IN PLACE — CHECKED WEEKLY; FENCING MOVED ONLY WITH THE ARBORICULTURIST'S WRITTEN AGREEMENT

TREE AND ECOLOGY FENCING ON THE WEEKLY INSPECTION	ANY CHANGE AGREED	DAMAGE OR BREACH

6 SIGNATURES

Site manager — protection in place before opening:

PRINTED NAME	ROLE	COMPANY	SIGNATURE	DATE	TIME

Ecologist / arboriculturist — inspected where the condition requires it:

PRINTED NAME	ROLE	COMPANY	SIGNATURE	DATE	TIME

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